

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: May 1, 2020

Youth Advisory Council Meeting

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council will meet on Monday, May 4th. They will continue their discussion on resources for youth and will discuss participating with Be Your Best.

Budget Committee Meeting

The Cottage Grove Budget Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 6:00 pm. Everyone interested in attending the meeting is encouraged to join the virtual meeting. Limited seating is available at City Hall. The 2020-21 Proposed Budget is posted on the City's webpage.

Middlefield Golf Course

Middlefield Golf Course opened this morning and the course has been busy all day, even through the rain. Extra efforts are under way to maintain distancing requirements. Online and phone tee times for this weekend are also filling fast.

Yard of the Week

The 22nd season of the Yard of the Week program starts next Friday. The Yard of the Week prize patrol is still preparing the procedures for judging the yards and awarding the prize. We are taking nominations by phone to the City Hall or email to the City Manager's office at: citymanager@cottagegrove.org.

The Yard of the Week recognizes single family residential yards in the City that have put in that extra effort to beautify the City by putting extra effort into the maintenance of their yard.

Farmers Market Starting May 7th

The Farmer's Market will be starting on Thursday, May 7th from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at 7th and Main Street.

Tree Branch Pickup

Starting May 4th the Utility crew members will be picking up branches and limb piles throughout town. Property owners are encouraged to place the branches and limbs in approved areas. For a complete list of approved locations please go to the Cottage Grove website

at www.cottagegrove.org. Under the City Departments tab is the Annual Tree Branch Program information. Please have all your branches and limbs out by the end of day Sunday, May 3rd.

The second branch and limb pickup will begin May 18th. City property owners are welcome to bring branches and limbs to the drop off site on North 12th Street behind Dari Mart and the US Post Office. The drop off site is open 7 days a week and will remain open until May 22nd. If you have any questions please call the Public Works & Development Office at (541) 942-3349.

Automated Meter Installation Update

At the end of day Thursday, April 30th, the Utility Crew had installed 1,059 automated water meters. The crew has installed approximately 30% of the new meters. They hope to have all the manual meters replaced with automated meters by the end of July or first of August.

Row River Water Treatment Plant Expansion Update

Pacific Excavation has completed installing all the exterior piping for the water treatment plant expansion. They're preparing to pour concrete footing in the treatment plant building for the new Pall filter bank system that will expand the plant's treatment capacity from 4 million gallons per day (MGD) to 6 MGD. The installation of equipment is scheduled to be complete in late June or early July. Once installed the new equipment will be tested to assure it is operating properly and meeting State regulation for water treatment.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Effluent Reuse Expansion

R&G Contractors will be installing erosion control fencing around the site for the new treated effluent reuse storage pond next week. They plan on starting construction the week of May 18th for the new storage pond. The project is expected to be completed January 2021. Once completed the new pond will be able to store 12 million gallons of treated effluent to reuse at the golf course and other locations in the City. The Disk Golf Course will be open during construction except for the parking lot and course holes around the construction site. Users are encouraged to park vehicles in the grass parking lot by the WOE Fairgrounds and Cottage Grove Speedway. Staff is working with disk golf principles to relocate the displaced disk golf holes and baskets to new locations keeping the course at 18 holes. Once construction is complete the disk golf parking lot will reopen.

Tennis and Basketball Courts

Last week the contractor resurfacing the tennis, basketball, and pickleball courts was able to apply some of the new surfacing to the tennis courts before the rains came. They plan on coming back next week to finish the resurfacing project and install the new pickleball nets. Everything should be complete and ready to use when the "Stay Home Stay Safe" restrictions are removed by the State.

Cottage Grove Armory

Phase II of the exterior restoration at the Armory is close to completion. The contractor hopes to be finished with the south and east walls this upcoming week and complete the window sill painting on the west wall the following week weather permitting. The restoration work on the inside started this week with removal of the ceiling tiles, insulation, and lighting in the entryway and company room. Next week Pacific Environmental Group, Inc. will start removing the lead

paint and asbestos paving the way for new electrical, heating, insulation, sheetrock, paint, doors and floor refinishing in the entryway and company room. The interior renovation work is scheduled to be complete in late June 2020.

Main Street Hanging Baskets

May is just around the corner and we are more than excited to see colorful flowers in mid-May. During these times of uncertainty, flowers can change the way we feel or think. We understand that this is a difficult time for everyone, but if you can donate to the purchase of these baskets, we would be so appreciative. We are asking for a \$25 donation but appreciate anything you can give. Please send a check to Main Street Cottage Grove at 400 E Main St. Cottage Grove, OR 97424 or at <https://donorbox.org/hanging-basket-project>.

Mobility Needs Assessment Survey

The City of Cottage Grove is partnering with the University of Oregon's PPPM Transportation Planning class to discover South Lane County's mobility needs. We are asking residents to take a quick, online survey about their use of cars, bus and other transit. We hope to discover to understand the transportation challenges and opportunities in our community. The information will be used in Cottage Grove's upcoming Transit Demand Plan. The deadline to take the survey has been extended to May 3, 2020.

The link is at <https://bit.ly/2ydLEXy>, or you can use the survey link QR code on the attached graphic. For more information, email Dr. Anne Brown at the University of Oregon at: abrown33@uoregon.edu or Amanda Ferguson at planner@cottagegrove.org.

**TAKE THIS SURVEY
FOR A CHANCE TO WIN
A \$50 GIFT CARD!**



PURPOSE
This survey is a collaborative effort between the University of Oregon School of Planning, Public Policy, and Management, Lane Transit District, the City of Cottage Grove, and the City of Creswell to understand and improve the transportation challenges and opportunities in your community.

DETAILS
This survey will take about 5 minutes and participants will be entered in a drawing to win a \$50 Visa cash card. The completion deadline is April 27th.

QUESTIONS / CONCERNS
Email Dr. Anne Brown at the University of Oregon at abrown33@uoregon.edu.

Thank you for your time!

SURVEY LINK



<https://bit.ly/2ydLEXy>

Logos for Lane Transit District, University of Oregon, City of Cottage Grove, and City of Creswell are at the bottom.

Quote of the Week

“Look for something positive in each day, even if some days you have to look a little harder.”

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